



Emily Baxter Parker
President
"Dare to Care"

Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville



**Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
11:45 am**

**Old National Bank - Bob Jones Family Community Room
Riverside Drive at Main Street
Downtown Evansville**



This Week's Program

Nov 16th —TBA

Next Week's Program

Dec 14th —TBA



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA
Camp Carson**



Call to Order

The meeting/birthday party for Doc Bender's 100th began with lunch served at 12:05. This was in the round table room at River Pointe Health Campus where Doc lives. Karen Morris supplied the club and guests with delicious Italian salad and pasta dishes. Thank you so much, Karen!! Dessert was cake, of course. The television stations were on hand to interview Doc and some of his fellow optimists.

Invocation

Jeff Olson wrote and read beautiful words about Optimism and gave thanks for Dr. Bender's nice long life. The Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed followed.

Speaker

Deena Laska Lewis of Children's Center for Dance Education spoke on "Dance is for Everyone". She expressed gratitude for the funding received from the Downtown Optimist Club. Through a slide show of photos she spoke about children with special needs who are helped with dance. Whatever the handicaps such as severe visual impairment, spina bifida, autism, or Down syndrome, all have benefited from improved physical fitness and increased self esteem and danced in ballets. A special student named Camille, has one leg about 5 inches shorter than the other. One of her shoes must be built up. Despite her challenges, she is determined to dance but needs help with tuition. Those Optimist club members present contributed funds to help her attend thru the remainder of the year.

Deena also related on how dance brings community members together such as at WNIN Kids Fest, Evansville Streets Alive, and Race for the Cure. There are moments in our lives when dance is part of the celebration such as graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays. The speech ended with everyone dancing in their seats as Ms. Deena led movements to the music of Stevie Wonder's version of Happy Birthday.

Next Membership Meeting

Nov.16 at noon at Old National Bank. If you have a speaker available, please advise our president.

Adjournment

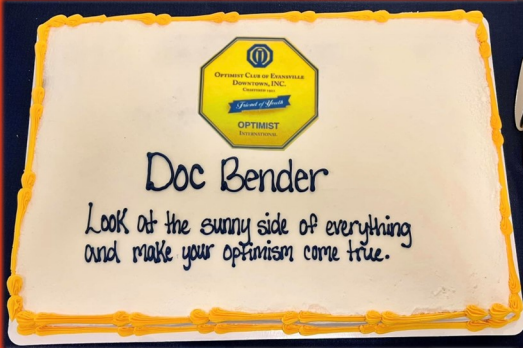
By 1:00 PM, after cake was served, Optimists left for Crossroads Christian Church to set up for Youth Appreciation Day breakfast scheduled for 7:00 am on Nov. 10.

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Olson —————> Photos on next page —————>

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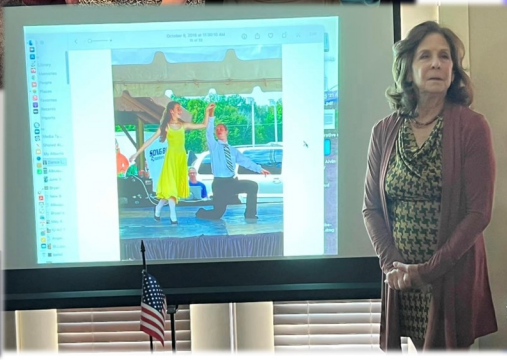


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